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IN HONGKONG,
ON
SATURDAY,
JUNE 23RD, 1833.

While thanking the Public of Hongkong for the very liberal patronage bestowed upon him on the occasions of his former visits, Signor CHIARINI begs to announce that the brief Session he is now about to commence will be held

DAZZLING NOVELTIES!
 Culminating in the
GRANDEST SENSATION
 ever produced in the East !!!

In addition to the already well-known and established Favourites of last Season, the following distinguished ANTIQUES from the leading CARPETS of LONDON, PARIS, and BRUSSELS

will have the honour of appearing.

THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY ONZALOS

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AND

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AND
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 ———
 PERRY "THE DROLL,"
 THE KING OF ENGLISH CLOWNS
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THE BOY WONDER,
MISS VIOLA PEREY,
MR. J. MADIGAN,
AND
MANY OTHERS,
whose names will be announced in the order
of their appearance.

The Band will be under the able leadership
of Professor
H. VON DER MEHDEN,
THE FAMOUS CHIEF D'ORCHESTRE
AND
CORNET VIRTUOSO!

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HIS WONDERFUL TRAINED HORSE
THE MARVELS OF THE EXTENSIVE
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N.B.—For particulars of opening performance
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G. AGRATI,
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Hongkong, 20th June, 1883. [11]

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND HOANGHAI.

THE Steamship
"KWANGTUNG"
Capt. M. Young, will be despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 21st inst., at Noon,
instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co.
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 Ports on **FRIDAY**, the 22nd instant, at
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LADIES' SWIMMING COSTUMES.
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WIRE SPONGES.
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WHITE CRAFT TENNIS SHIRTS.
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 Hongkong, 30th May, 1883. [582]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 20th, 1883.

A question now very frequently asked is, Will China fight? A Shanghai contemporary has justly put the query "Who are the Chinese going to fight now?" Opinions on the subject of peace or war between China and France vary greatly. It is contended, on the one hand, that the Chinese Government have gone too far to recede, and that the French Minister has adopted a position in reference to the Tonquin question of declining to discuss further, taking his stand on the annihilation of their policy by his Government. From what we can gather it would seem that the French have avowed their intention to occupy Tonquin and Annam, and will proceed to do so without reference to any other Power. If the Chinese Government object to this course all they can do is to try, by force, to prevent its realization. France will not declare war against China; she leaves China to declare war against her. This is what the Peking Government evidently shirk; they do not like to have the initiative forced upon them; they dislike the responsibility, and they are not eager for the plunge. What they have hoped for all along has been a display of bluster and the free use of threats would induce the French to offer to make some compromise. That hope has apparently been completely dispelled by the expression of Monsieur Tseou for Monsieur Bourne as Minister in China. The Chinese mandarins are now sorely perplexed. They hoped, perhaps, that some foreign Power would, when matters came to the point, offer to mediate on the subjects at issue, but this anticipation—if indulged in—has, so far, not been realized. The Chinese Ministry have accordingly been compelled to commence preparations for hostilities or throw up the sponge. The latter course their vanity precludes; at all events, their apprehensions as to the result have not, as yet, brought them into the necessary frame of mind to confess defeat. Meanwhile, therefore, orders have gone forth, "east and west, and south and north" to the military mandarins to summon their array, and troops are being collected at various points, either to make a show of being in earnest, or else for actual despatch to Annam. Floating batteries have been ordered for the protection of the Yangtze river, and it is stated that preparations are going on for rendering the navigation of the Yangtze river impossible or difficult in the event of war. Arms have been ordered from America, and the various Armies in China are now busily engaged in turning out weapons. In spite of all this bellicose display, the majority of onlookers strongly doubt whether, when the moment arrives, the Chinese Government will venture to attack the French in Tonquin. A high Chinese official not long since openly expressed his belief that his Government did not intend to fight, although they were talking loudly to that effect and seemingly making ready for the fray. But it will not do to be too confident on the subject. The Peking Government may be carried too far by the force of events and their own brag to leave a safe way of retreat open. The Chinese officials will do well to be careful how far they commit themselves. If they cannot exactly have "peace with honour," they can at least avoid war, and that, we take it, is better than disaster, followed, as it probably would be, by internal disorders.

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